

CZAR BESOUGHT TO GIVE PARDON TO STOESSEL

Nicholas Friendly to
Fallen General But His
Foes at Court Are
Strong.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—A tremendous effort is being made by General Stoessel's friends to induce Czar Nicholas not to stop at commencing the former's sentence from death to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress, as recommended by the court-martial which found him guilty yesterday of cowardice and treason in surrendering Port Arthur, but to grant him a full pardon.

Nicholas is personally friendly to the fallen general. The bureaucracy, however, hates him. Stoessel has been bitter in his criticism of the war office's inefficiency to which he attributed the unpreparedness of Port Arthur to stand a prolonged siege and the consequent necessity for giving it up months before the garrison would otherwise have been compelled to yield.

General Kuropatkin's statement on the witness stand that the fortress must have fallen with the first assault, had one been undertaken during the first days of the war, had the effect of injuring rather than helping the accused. As evidence it was distinctly favorable to Stoessel, but it strengthened the war office officials in their determination to discredit every one concerned in the campaign against them.

Stoessel's strictness as a disciplinarian has also made him many enemies in the army, and numbers of officers with influential court connections will unquestionably do their utmost to prevent his pardon.

General Smirnov, who made the secret report on which Stoessel was brought to trial, is so bitterly hostile to him that he does not stir from his house today and a heavy guard has been placed over his residence to protect him from violence.

**Stoessel's Fate
Awakens Regret
Among Japanese**

TOKYO, Feb. 21.—Japanese officers who took part in the siege and were present at the capitulation of Port Arthur express the deepest regret at the news of General Stoessel's condemnation to death for surrendering the fortress.

They agree that, had it been possible for them to reach it immediately following the commencement of hostilities, it would have been impossible for the garrison to have withstood more than a single vigorous assault. They speak in the highest praise of his commander's energy in taking advantage of the delay to strengthen its defenses so effectively that it took a siege of more than eleven months to reduce it.

Captain Tsunoda, who conducted the negotiations for the surrender, is specifically quoted to the effect that the defenders were reduced to the last extremity, and that it was a wonder to him that the city was able to hold out so long.

The hawk eats the dove, but the hawk seems to be surrounded by as many dangers as the dove.

Foreign Patent Law Reform Urged by House Committee; To Protect American Rights

Chairman Currier Will Give
Hearing to Interested
Attorneys.

Proposed Measure Will Force
Manufacture of Foreign
Patents.

Sweeping reform in the patent law relations of the United States with all the other countries of the world is contemplated by Chairman Currier, of the House Committee on Patents.

Mr. Currier today notified the patent attorneys of Washington and other large cities that in the near future he will give a hearing on the proposition to incorporate in the patent statutes the provision that no foreign inventor shall be allowed to take out a patent in this country unless he will follow up such action by establishing an institution in the United States for the manufacture and production of the article on which he secures the patent.

Law in Other Countries.

The other countries have adopted a law providing that citizens of the United States shall not be given patents unless they produce their patented articles in the foreign countries. In view of this fact, and in view of the further fact that any foreigner can come into this country and take out a patent, the discrimination against American inventors in other countries is considered extremely harsh.

Mr. Currier, in explaining the nature of his proposed reform, said today: "As the laws now stand, a German can secure a patent on his invention in this country, manufacture the patented article in Germany and export it to this country with the knowledge that no such article can be put into competition with him here by any American. The result is that Germany is benefited by all the employment and other industrial activities connected with the production of the article, while the United States and United States citizens are prevented by the law from engaging in any such manufacture.

Condition Unfair.

"This is manifestly unfair. It is particularly so when you remember that the foreign countries will not give our inventors patents unless they manufacture in the countries from which they want the patents. There is no sense in the United States sacrificing itself by such an arrangement."

Mr. Currier's announcement of the proposed change in the laws will bring a large number of patent attorneys to his committee room when the hearing is granted. Scarcely one of the well-known patent lawyers of Washington or any other city is without large and influential clients from foreign countries. While the change will appeal to American inventors and to the legal representatives of the American inventors with great force, it will not be received by those who do most of their business with the foreign inventors.

May Amend Barchfield Bill.

Another important development in Mr. Currier's committee today was the news that there is a probability of the Barchfield copyright bill being reported to the House for passage in a slightly amended form. This bill is the one which has long been favored by the authors, song writers, and music composers of the country. It protects song writers and music composers against article in Germany and export it to this country with the knowledge that no such article can be put into competition with him here by any American. The result is that Germany is benefited by all the employment and other industrial activities connected with the production of the article, while the United States and United States citizens are prevented by the law from engaging in any such manufacture.

One of the principal objections to the



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CHAIRMAN CURRIER,
Of the House Committee on Patents,
Who Contemplates Sweeping
Reform in Laws.

bill by some of the members of the committee has been that, as it now stands, it enables foreign composers to come into the United States, secure a copyright, and be protected against the phonographs when foreign countries do not give such protection to American composers and song writers.

The proposition now is to get the bill out with a reciprocity clause. That is, it will provide that the American song writers and composers may avail themselves of the protection against phonographs, but the foreign composer cannot do so unless their countries extend a similar privilege to American composers.

In this way, it is thought, the Barchfield bill will meet the objections that have been brought against it. In the amended form suggested, it will protect the authors and composers of America but will give the foreigners no undue preference. As the phonograph people say there music is from 50 to 75 per cent from foreign authors, they are not expected to fight the amended Barchfield bill so bitterly as they have done in the past.

TORPEDO BOATS TURN BACK AFTER BATTLING STORM

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Feb. 21.—Battered by a terrific storm, which was encountered off Cape Hatteras on Wednesday, the third torpedo boat flotilla, comprising the Tingey, Blakeley, DeLong, Thornton and Porter, last night came back to the navy yard here for repairs.

The boats got under way for the tropics early last Wednesday morning. Ensign Mitchell commanding the flotilla. Everything went well until the vessels were in the Gulf Stream. There they smashed right into heavy weather, and got a terrific shaking up. Finally the commanding officer abandoned the idea of reaching Charleston, and put back up the coast. They were bound for St. Joseph's bay, Charleston, where an extensive plan of winter maneuvers is to be carried out.

GRAFT WITNESS IS DISCREDITED

Keystone Prosecutor Casts
Reflections on Capitol
Architect.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 21.—Further attempts to discredit Stanford Lewis, clerk in Architect's office, were made today in the presentation of evidence for the defense of Sanderson, Snyder, Shumaker, and Mathews in their testimony of conspiracy in the building of the new capitol. Wherever a chance was given more blame was heaped upon Hutton as well.

Lynn M. Glavin, Snyder's counsel, piled the former auditor general on the stand with further questions to riddle the testimony of Lewis, who was the Commonwealth's most important witness. Under the constant hammering, Lewis' evidence was considerably weakened.

Snyder was singled out by Lewis as most responsible for the "suspicious transaction" he recounted. Snyder, on the stand, went back at his accuser. Snyder will be given a grueling cross-examination. The Commonwealth attorneys realize he has discredited Lewis to some extent, and will make a determined effort in return to confuse Snyder and build up his own case.

Before the hearing began today Prosecutor Mathews announced that if Snyder were recalled, he probably would be kept on the stand for cross-examination all day.

VAN SCHAICK BEGINS TERM FOR SINKING OF SLOCUM

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Capt. William Van Schaick, of the ill-fated steamer General Slocum, on which 1,000 persons lost their lives, begins serving his ten-year term in Sing Sing prison today.

Preparation of the appeal to President Roosevelt for clemency in Van Schaick's case is in the hands of Assemblyman Green, of Brooklyn.

He will go to Washington and plead for Van Schaick, arguing that the man convicted of responsibility for the catastrophe is seventy-one years old, nearly blind, and so feeble he can hardly walk.

KAUFMAN BUYS PROPERTY AT CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

D. J. Kaufman has purchased 100 feet of ground in Cleveland Heights from Thomas J. Fisher & Co. The property is just north of Woodley road and overlooks the suburban residence of Charles J. Bell, "Twin Oaks."

Mr. Kaufman will hold the property as an investment.

SMITH SUIT DECIDED IN FAVOR OF FATHER

In the suit of Henry S. Smith, by George W. Moss, his committee in lunacy, against the son of the former, Frank W. Smith, which has been pending in the local courts for several years, the auditor of the Supreme Court has filed his report, showing the son's indebtedness to the father to be \$12,122.

The case was referred to the auditor for a statement of the accounts by the decree of Justice Stafford, which declared Henry S. Smith insane, set aside certain conveyances of his real estate and his interest in the milk business of Henry S. Smith & Son, to his son, Frank W. Smith.

Since the filing of the original bill of complaint, Henry S. Smith has died, and suit has been instituted by a daughter of Henry S. Smith, Mrs. Minnie M. Conner, through her attorneys, James H. Archer, Jr., and John Lewis Smith, to partition and sell the property belonging to the estate at 121 C street southwest.

HOOSIERS HERE AFTER SPEAKERS

Also Want Soldiers to Help
Dedicate Their Mon-
ument.

A delegation of prominent citizens from Madison, Ind., is in town for the purpose of whipping things up for the celebration incident to the dedication of a soldiers' monument, which will be held some time in May—probably Decoration Day. If the Vice President will attend they'll make the date to suit his convenience.

A delegation, headed by Senator Hemminger, called at the White House this morning to invite the President to take in the big show. The President said he'd be glad to attend, but didn't believe he could. He shakes hands with the callers very cordially and had a special word of praise to say to one of the delegation, George Middleton, of Chicago, who gave the monument to the town of Madison.

Mr. Middleton was a private in the Third Indiana Cavalry during the civil war and, though he now lives in the big city of Illinois, has always retained a warm place in his heart for his birthplace.

Before returning to Madison the delegation will call upon Secretary Taft and ask him for a regiment, or as much of a regiment as the army can spare, for the celebration.

HOBSON SHOWS ANGER ABOUT NAVAL BUDGET

Representative Hobson is saying hard things and thinking harder ones about the majority of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House for cutting down the list of battleships in the naval bill from four to two. What makes him feel even more edgewise toward his brother members on the Republican side of the aisle is the fact that they pretended to use the knife for the sake of economy and then doubled the number of submarine boats.

"The American people will demand an explanation of that," exclaimed Hobson at the White House today. "To shave down the number of battleships and double the number of submarines and then proclaim that they have done so for economy's sake, won't go down with the people. They'll have to make a better explanation than that."

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA CONCERT IS POSTPONED

The fifth and last concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will take place Tuesday afternoon, March 3, at the New National Theatre, instead of February 25, owing to the injuries sustained by the conductor, Mr. Pohlig, in a recent railway accident. Though Mr. Pohlig's injuries are not serious, his physician will not allow him to conduct the concert of this week, as a complete rest is essential.

A strong and artistic program has been prepared, opening with the overture, Sukkinta, by Carl Goldmark, the Seventh Symphony of Beethoven in A Major, and the Carnival Romain by Berlioz.

ALDRICH EXPECTS VOTE NEXT WEEK

Thinks Senate Will Pass
Currency Measure in Few
Days.

Senator Aldrich will try to get an agreement for a vote on the Aldrich currency bill early the coming week. He so announced today at the White House, where he had a talk with the President, presumably on currency matters.

Senator Aldrich believes a vote will be taken on the currency bill before the close of the coming week. He has no doubt of its passage by the Senate, but says he is not advised of the House situation.

NEW BRICK DWELLING FINDS READY BUYER

Stone & Fairfax report the sale of the new two-story brick dwelling at the northwest corner of Fourth and D streets northwest. This house is under construction by J. M. Carnody, who will complete it by April 1, so that the purchaser may take possession. It contains seven rooms and bath, heated by hot water. The sale price is \$5,500.

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